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Whatcom County: Acme residents urged to boil water

OLYMPIA – Whatcom County residents served by Acme Water District 18 are advised to boil their drinking water after a water main break caused portions of the water system to lose pressure.

When water pressure is lost, contaminants can enter the water system. Repairs are being made, but the water district is asking its customers to boil their drinking water as a safety precaution. The district also is asking its customers to conserve water during this time.

Acme is east of Lake Whatcom on Highway 9 between Sedro-Woolley and Deming. The advisory affects 91 homes, seven businesses, and the Acme Elementary School. The 200 students at the school were released early today because of the water outage. Local health officials are working with staff at the school and area food service establishments to make sure that precautions are taken. Parents are encouraged to call the school district's weather and operations phone line to see if school is operating Thursday — 360-383-2070.

The state Department of Health advises residents to boil tap water used for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

The advisory will likely be in effect for a few days. When repairs are complete, the water district staff will disinfect the system with chlorine, which will be flushed through the water lines. The water then must be tested to ensure it meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers who have questions may call the water district at 360-201-9285.

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